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11. (U) Summary: Foreign Minister Smith announced on July 1 AUD \$5 million for Pakistani IDPs and AUD \$1 million for Afghan election observers. End summary

12. (U) On July 1, Foreign Minister Stephen Smith announced Australia would provide AUD \$5 million (USD \$4.1 million) for displaced people in Pakistan (Reftel d). The bulk of that funding would be used to provide food through a UN program, taking Australia's humanitarian assistance to Pakistan to AUD \$23 million (USD \$19 million) since Sept. 08.

13. (U) At the same press conference, Smith also said that Australia will provide AUD \$1 million (USD \$820,000) for Asian observers (Malaysia, India, Philippines, and possible others) to watch over the upcoming Afghan elections through the Asia Foundation, an American-based non-governmental organization. Another 120 Australian soldiers are being dispatched specifically to enhance election security.

14. (U) Australia has already committed AUD \$8 million (USD \$6.6 million) for the Afghan independent election commission.

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